the high tech equipment and/ or provide suitable training to the pilots; and

(c) the details of contingency plans drawn up, if any, to reduce delays occurring due to expected foggy conditions during the ensuing winter season?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) No, Sir. Flights are permitted to land and take-off even during foggy/ poor visibility conditions, provided the visibility is not below 200 meters.

(b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has no plan, at present, to further upgrade the ILS Cat—IIIA system. Pilots are being suitably trained by airlines to make use of high-tech ILS Cat-IIIA system.

(c) Control Room is set up at Delhi airport. The Meteorology Department will disseminate a trend forecast for next 3 hours to airline operators, Airports Authority of India (AAI) and other aviation agencies. Information on delay to flights due to fog/poor visibility conditions will be relayed through electronic media and FM Channels. Special training has been stipulated for pilots of various operators for landing in ILS Cat-II and Cat-IIIA weather conditions. Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has been continuously monitoring the progress of training in order to have adequate number of pilots to meet the low visibility conditions during the ensuing winter season.

Passengers Handled in Airports

1411. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports in the country;

(b) the average number of passengers, these airports handle annually Airport-wise; and

(c) the details of the revenue earned by each of the airport during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) There are 124 airports managed by Airports Authority of India (AAI).

(b) During the year 2002-03,the number of passengers handled at airports is as follows: Mumbai-12260284, Delhi-9096548, Chennai-4161346, Kolkata-2826794, Bangalore-2764283, Hyderabad-1910189, Trivandrum-1014287, Cochin-1010286, Goa-839918, Ahmedabad-818018, Calicut-629561, Guwahati-508719, Pune-410136, Vadodara-351302, Lucknow-318656, Jaipur-289934, Coimbatore-258964, Srinagar-229915, Nagpur-229205, Juhu-218144, Agartala-206991, Mangalore-199723, Indore-195072, Amritsar-178037, Jammu-174572, Patna-162800, Port Blair-160444, Visakhapatnam-155771, Udaipur-153678, Varanasi-151384, Bhubaneshwar-136044, Bagdogra-130128, Imphal-127525, Rajkot-121553, Leh-111128, Aurangabad-104912, Madurai-99872, Trichy-94057, Bhopal-87784, Dibrugarh-82179, Silchar-77558, Jodhpur-76404, Ranchi-68838, Bhuj-63150, Bhavnagar-57790, Raipur-55058, Jamnagar-51733, Chandigarh-50064, Lengpui-37647, Jorhat—27604, Khajuraho—26891, Dimapur-20696, Tirupati-18908, Agra-15483, Bhuntar-14011, Porbandar-13843, Agatti-10743, Gaya-8304, Tezpur-7027, Rajahmundry-6888, Shimla-2353, Dehradun-1592, Jabalpur-1365, Lilabari-1229, Guggal-1205, Kolhapur-1020, Gwalior-364, Viyaywada-359, Pondicherry-264, Ludhiana-211, Hubli-189, Tezu-183, Tuticorin-120, Salem-115 and Kanpur-6.

(c) The details of net revenue earned (in lakhs) by airports during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 are given in brackets respectively Delhi (17196.06, 22422.98, 21118.49), Mumbai (24624.64, 33140.89, 33564.47), Chennai (7120.26, 9966.33, 7467.15), Kolkata (2729.25,1668.34, 2801.54), Bangalore (1471.19, 1846.25, 3194.60), Hyderabad (457.43, 383.94, 1734.91), Goa (291.19, 492.69, 876.68), Calicut (62.28, 52.53, 570.50), Juhu 250.51, 222.67 333.81), Pune (178.38, 204.93, 373.46), Ahmedabad (-499.64, -579.24, 16.62). Remaining airports are loss making.

Modernisation of airports in Himachal Pradesh

1412. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to expand and modernize Shimla, Kullu and Kangra airports in Himachal Pradesh;